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Unemployed Persons
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding the number of adult unemployed persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Bundelkhand; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government for adult unemployment alleviation and social security?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) has been conducting quinquennial employment-unemployment surveys to measure employment-unemployment related indicators. Based on these surveys, NSSO inter-alia estimates number of unemployed persons. Last survey on employment-unemployment was conducted during NSS 68th round (July, 2011 − June, 2012). Based on this survey, State-wise estimates of total number of unemployed persons (all ages) are available. A statement showing State-wise number of unemployed persons according to usual status is given at Annexure. Sub-state level estimates, i.e., estimates of regions required for giving estimates for Bundelkhand, are not available from NSS survey results due to limitations of sample size.

(c): Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country, like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM).

Government has also decided to strategically promote labour-intensive manufacturing and expand employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries.

New schemes have also been launched which includes Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana and Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), and Seekho aur Kamao Scheme launched for the skill development of minority communities.

A new Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has been established to coordinate the skill activities across Ministries. In order to improve the employability of youth, around 20 Ministries run skill development schemes across 70 sectors. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), about 76.11 lakh persons were given skill development training in the year 2014-15 (upto March, 2015) under these schemes.

For providing social security, Government has enacted the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008, to provide a smart card with unique identification number and for formulation of suitable welfare schemes for unorganised workers on matters relating to: (i) life and disability cover, (ii) health and maternity benefits, (iii) old age protection and (iv) any other benefit as may be determined by the Central Government through the National Social Security Board. Various Schemes, formulated by the Government to provide social security cover to the unorganized workers, listed in the Schedule I of the above Act are as under:

i. Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (Ministry of Rural Development)
ii. National Family Benefit Scheme (Ministry of Rural Development)
iii. Janani Suraksha Yojana (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare)
iv. Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (Ministry of Textiles)
v. Handicraft Artisans' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (Ministry of Textiles)
vi. Pension to Master craft persons (Ministry of Textiles)
vii. National Scheme for Welfare of Fishermen and Training and Extension (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries)
viii. Aam Admi Bima Yojana (Ministry of Labour and Employment)
ix. Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare)